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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING  
GROUP 2653

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Manabu OUMI et al. :  
Serial No. 09/462,437 : Group Art Unit - 2653  
Filed: May 16, 2000 : Examiner - Kimlien T. Le  
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In response to the final Office Action dated  
February 9, 2004, applicants amend their application as  
follows:

**ADDITIONAL FEES:**

No additional fees are believed required in  
connection with this amendment; however, should it be  
determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to  
charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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